

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shigeto UCHIYAMA et al

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IPC: ISOFLAVINE-CONTAINING COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2001, in the above-identified application, for which a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with payment of the appropriate fee, is attached, making response due on or before February 25, 2002 (February 24, being a Sunday).

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fees necessary for the continued pendency of the above-identified application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel Claims 2 and 8.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended) A composition comprising a daidzein-containing substance and at least one strain of microorganism capable of metabolizing daidzein to equol as

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